Jersey Strips Shelton College of Its Accreditation

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Special to The New York Times TRENTON, Jan. 15 - The New Jersey Board of Higher

Education today stripped aca-Education today stripped academic accreditation from Shelton College, a small, fundamentalist Bible institution in Cape May headed by the controversial radio evangelist, the Rev. Dr. Carl McIntire.

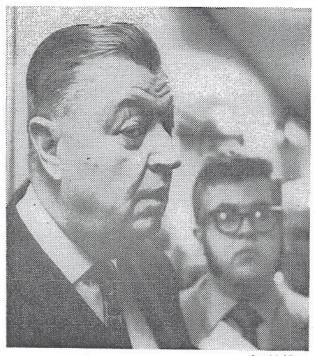
The board said it had acted against the school because the college was ridden with "substantial academic deficiencies coupled with a lack of institutional integrity and administrative competence."

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Board members said that Shelton was the first college in New Jersey to lose it accreditation, and state officials added that such penalties against a college or university were extremely rare in other states. states.

The board's decision does not mean that Shelton—which has 141 students—has to close. However, since the ruling takes away the college's award-grant-



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AFTER COLLEGE LOST ACCREDITATION: The Rev. Dr. Carl McIntire in Trenton discussing action of New Jersey Board of Higher Education against Shelton College.

the Appellate Division of the State Superior Court, the school intends to reiterate ear-State Superior lier legal arguments that its loss of accreditation violates the constitutional rights of freedom of speech and re-

When it first moved to New Jersey from New York City, where it-had been called the National Bible Institute, Shelton occupied an old estate in Ringwood in rural Passaic

County.

But a zoning dispute there forced the school to move to Cape May in 1964 and there

it occupied the Christian Admiral, an old resort hotel.
In 1965, the state moved to revoke Shelton's degree-awarding power; charging then that the school was financially un-sound and that its faculty did not have sufficient members with graduate degrees. How-ever, the state relented the following year, and Shelton was allowed to remain open until a fuether investigation was made by state educators.

The subsequent investigation led to today's decision.

However, since the ruling takes away the college's award-granting privilege, state officials said that it was unlikely that Shelton could continue to operate.

The boards decision, which becomes effective at the end of the school year in June, touched off a protest here by nearly 100 Shelton students.

Thalf of them were jammed into the board's meeting room, where they stood up and sang "Onward 'Christian Soldiers' after the decision was announced. Later, the students marched to the nearby state auditorium singing, "Stand Up for Jesus,' some of them with tears welling in their eyes.

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